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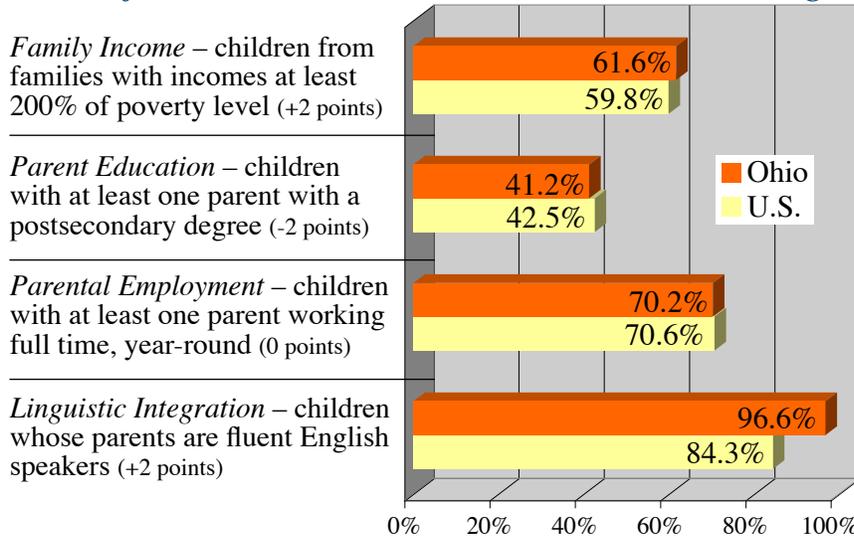


**From Cradle to Career:
Ohio, Not Quite in the Middle of the Pack**
After a decade of tracking state policies in key areas related to elementary and secondary education, *Quality Counts* this year significantly broadens its perspective to look at the connections between K-12 education and the other systems with which it intersects: early-childhood education, teacher preparation, postsecondary education, and economic and workforce development. ¹

For national and state policy makers and practitioners in the field alike, *Education Week* is the newspaper of record on all matters educational. One of its special yearly special publications, *Quality Counts*, is often both anticipated and dreaded at the state level. The reason is that K-12 education in all 50 states is ranked and compared on a series of indicators.

The publication of this year's edition marked a substantive change for Ed Week. Subtitled *From Cradle to Career*, a new P-16 stance has been adopted by the publication with 13 Chance for Success indicators that span an individual's life, focusing for the first time on all elements from preschool to employment. How did Ohio do?

Chance for Success Indicators – Ohio versus U.S. Averages

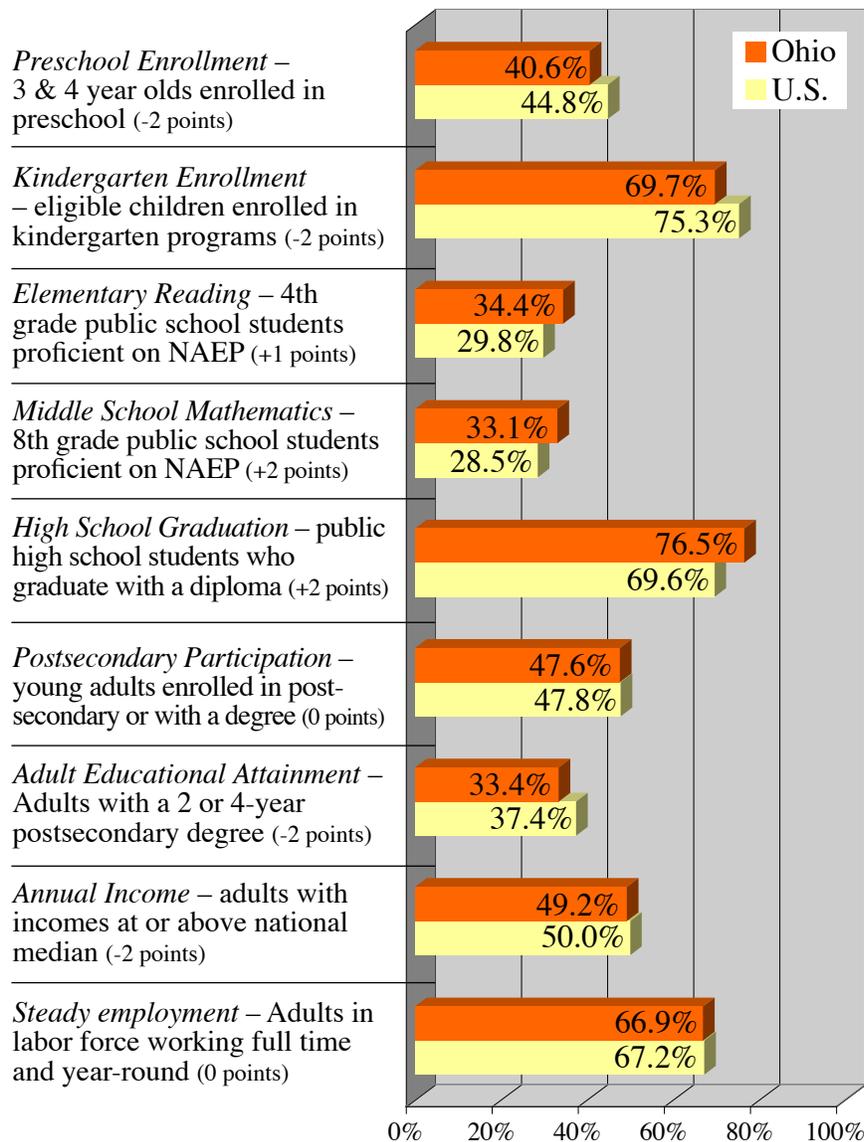


Clark County Visits Stark

On January 16th, the Stark Education Partnership staff and members of the Stark County P-16 held a working lunch with representatives from Clark County's P-16 council *The Aspire Collaborative*. Discussion centered around what P-16 means to the local Chamber of Commerce, businesses, colleges, foundations, the ESC and area school districts.

Moving Stark County Into Prosperity

Richard A. Stoff, President of the Ohio Business Roundtable delivered the keynote address followed by remarks by Dr. Adrienne O'Neill at the *Moving Stark County Into Prosperity Symposium* on January 18th. Judge W. Don Reader was Master of Ceremonies. Over 100 participants from business, education and social service agencies participated in breakout sessions to consider their role in graduating 600 additional Stark County students from college annually.



McGregor Elementary

Dr. Joe Rochford and Stark Education Partnership Board Member, Rich Milligan, attended Canton City School's formal dedication ceremony for the new McGregor Elementary School on January 18th. The new school at 2339 17th Street SW is the ninth new school building to be built with the district's \$176 million, seven-year rebuilding program funded by the Ohio School Facilities Commission.

Ohio receives a total state score of -1 and ranks 27th in the nation on all 13 indicators combined, not quite the middle of the pack. Virginia was the top-ranked state in the nation on these indicators; New Mexico was the bottom. ²

¹ (2007). Quality Counts: State of the States. Education Week at: www.edweek.org

² From (2007) Ohio State Highlights. From Cradle to Career: Connecting American Education from Birth Through Adulthood. Editorial Projects in Education Research Center at: www.edweek.org/go/qc07

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